1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Bihar	9061	65	0	8996
5.	Jharkhand	11965	65	2320	9580
6.	Gujarat	0	0	0	0
7.	Haryana	0	0	0	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	484	200	278	6
9.	Jammu & Kashmir*	2692	10	654	2028
10.	Karnataka	6	0	4	2
11.	Kerala	0	0	0	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4	0	1	3
13.	Chhatisgarh	364	39	148	177
14.	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0
15.	North East-1 #	4172	0	1550	2622
16.	North East-ll #	4811	0	3836	975
17.	Orissa	11632	250	5217	6165
18.	Punjab	0	0	0	0
19.	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0
20.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0
21.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	6793	333	0	6460
22.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	0	0	0	0
23.	Uttranchal	5607	30	4146	1431
24.	West Bengal	4178	225	60	3893
25.	Calcutta	0	0	0	0
26.	Delhi	0	0	0	0
	Total	69440	1217	18218	50005

@ Subject to the availabity of funds & equipment in time.
# Subject to the receipt of SACFA clearance from Ministry of Defence.

Licenses to private companies

1651. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRIJ.CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many private companies/foreign companies were issued licenses to provide basic telephone services; and

(b) how many of them are joint venture companies with participation of foreign investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUlSfTRA MAHAJAN): (a) Seven private companies registered in India have been issued licences to provide basic telehpone services.

(b) Presently two of them are joint venture with participation of foreign investment.

Telephone facilities

†1652. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 5285 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th May, 2002 and state:

(a) the position with regard to providing telephone connections to the remaining 5944 villages of Uttaranchal at the end of June, 2002; and

(b) the positing regarding the targets fixed for the current year alongwith the detail of the position in respect of the targets for 1600 villages which were to be provided telephone connections till July, 2002 by linking them with Wireless in Local Loop (WLL)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Out of 5944 uncovered villages in Uttaranchal as on 01.04.2002, telecom facility was to be provided to only 5607 revenue villages as 337 villages were uninhabited. During the current year 1180 villages, including 1153 on WLL systems, have already been provided with Village Public Telephones up to 14.07.2002. 4146 villages are planned to be provided with telecom facility on satellite media subject to availability of funds. Remaining 281 villages to be covered on WLL are likely to be provided with telecom facility within one month of provision of stable power supply to BTS by Uttaranahcal Power Corporation for WLL system.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.